

**MINUTES OF THE  
Georgia State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language  
Pathology and Audiology  
April 19, 2004**

The Georgia State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology met Monday, April 19, 2004 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. The Board meeting was called to order with the following members present:

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Albert R. De Chicchis, Ph.D., Chair  
Kaye Williams Hill  
Winn Hill, Vice Chair  
Yvonne McNeil

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Alan B. Whitehouse, M.D.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Lee Tracy, Executive Director  
Beverly Cobb, Applications Specialist  
Dena Kirkman, Board Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER** –Albert R. De Chicchis, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion, K. Hill, seconded McNeil, and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications and investigations. Voting in favor of the motion were W. Hill and De Chicchis. The Board **concluded Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

**OPEN SESSION**

**MINUTES**

Motion W. Hill, seconded W. Hill and motion carried to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2004 meeting.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Ms. Tracy reported to the Board that she had spoken with Kathleen O’Neal, Director of Administrative Procedures, concerning the procedure for changing the expiration date for licenses issued to the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology licensees. The Board has invited Ms. O’Neal to meet with them at the May 17, 2004 meeting.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Motion K. Hill, seconded W. Hill and motion carried, to change the first sentence of the Prior Approval Provider Application for Continuing Education form to read “This form is for prior approval of a single education activity to be held within the state of Georgia and should be completed by the sponsoring agency or presenter.”

Motion McNeil, seconded W. Hill and motion carried, to permit the Application Specialist to issue licenses for applicants with ASHA verification within a two (2) year period of the original ASHA certification date.

Ms. McNeil presented a report on the progress made in updating the list of Endorsement Approved/Disapproved States for comparison to the Rules and Regulations of Georgia.

Motion K. Hill, seconded W. Hill and motion carried, to have the information on the website under the heading of Endorsement Approved/Disapproved States removed and replaced with a statement that the site is under review.

Discussion was held on further changes to be made for the following rules: 609-2-.02(1), 609-2-.03(1), 609-3-.01(c)(1), 609-3-.02, 609-3-.02(e)(1), 609-3-.04, 609-3-.05(a)(4), 609-6-.01(a), 609-6-.01(b)(2)(ii), 609-6-.01(d)(2), 609-6-.01(2)(c)(1), 609-8-.02.

## **APPLICATIONS**

Motion W. Hill, seconded McNeil, and motion carried, to accept the recommendations on applications.

### **ASHA**

Dawn Bailey	Approved	Corinne Mitchell	Approved
Katherine Benfield	Approved	Sarah Nagle	Approved
Charisse Blevins	Approved	Khyati Patel	Approved
Lesley Childs	Approved	Claire Phillips James	Approved
D’Jaris Coles-White	Approved	Amy Rigsby	Approved
Deeya Daniel	Approved	Stacie Sanford	Approved
Mara Evans	Denied	Lori Sparks	Approved
Robyn Henderson	Approved	Debra Torres	Approved
Christine Lines	Approved	Meredith Tullis	Approved
Cori Lionsbee	Approved	Suprabbha Satyanarayana	Pending
Laura McCormack	Approved		

### **EXAMS**

Yvonne Avocato	Approved	Michaela Green	Approved
Keisha Banks	Approved	LaShawn Tanksley	Approved
Sherri Clifton	Pending	Tiffany Tuggle	Denied
Jacalan Davidson	Pending	Amber Yarbrough	Approved

### **REINSTATEMENT**

Elizabeth Banowsky	Approved	Julie Hollenbeck	Approved
Vicki Clarke	Approved	Rochelle Schaffer	Denied
Debra Dwight	Denied	Johnny Simmons	Approved

Pamela Gregg	Denied	Rita Sotomayor	Pending
ENDORSEMENT			
Alison Bitner	Approved	Jennifer King	Approved
Mary Jo Bush	Approved	Royce Laidler	Approved
SPEECH AIDE			
Bonnie Pomfret	Pending	Melissa Ray	Approved

### **COGNIZANT'S/INVESTIGATIONS REPORT**

V. C. Motion K. Hill, seconded W. Hill and motion carried to accept signed Private Consent Order.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, motion McNeil, seconded W. Hill and motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

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Albert R. De Chicchis, Chair  
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF  
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AND AUDIOLOGY

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